

## STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

## DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## **Public Notice**

## FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN

The Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), in Sections NAC 445A.742 to 445A.762, inclusive, outlines the environmental review procedures to be followed by the Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In accordance with NAC 445A.751, NDEP has determined that the applicant has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) that substantially complies with the provisions of NAC 445A.742 to 445A.762, inclusive.

Project Name: <u>Dayton Valley Septic to Sewer Conversion</u>

Project No.: No. 2 Year 2014 Priority List - Revision 1

Applicant: Lyon County

Estimated Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Assistance: \$2,500,000

The CWSRF received an application for financial assistance from Lyon County to install a sewage collection system for the Mark Twain Estates and Daytona Heights subdivisions in Dayton, Nevada. The work involves the installation of sewer mains, laterals, and manholes along residential streets throughout the subdivisions. In addition, eight manholes would be improved in the Blue Stone Estates. As designed, sewage will gravity flow via the sewer lines to the County's Rolling "A" Water Reclamation Facility located approximately 1 mile southeast of the subdivisions.

Lyon County supplies drinking water from groundwater wells located in the subdivisions and south of the subdivisions. The results of monitoring these drinking water wells indicate increasing levels of nitrate contamination in the groundwater. This project will help to prevent continued groundwater nitrate contamination due to potentially leaking individual septic systems in the subdivision.

NEPA requires eliminating duplication by providing that an agency may adopt appropriate environmental documents prepared by another agency. The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) conducted an EA of the project, consulted with federal and state environmental, regulatory, and natural resource agencies, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office, and local tribe and has issued a finding of no significant impact (FONSI). The EA was published on June 19, 2013 for a 30-day comment period. No comments of any nature were received. NDEP reviewed the final EA and agency correspondence and concurs with the determinations of the USACE. Based on the location of the project and proposed construction methods there is sufficient evidence that a significant effect on the quality of the environment is unlikely. No further environmental review is recommended and the project is eligible for a FONSI under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

The Environmental Assessment and other project documentation to support these conclusions are available for public examination at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection, 901 S. Stewart St., Suite 4001, Carson City, Nevada. Comments for consideration on this concurrence with the USACE findings must be submitted by March 7, 2014 to: Michelle Stamates, NDEP Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, 901 S. Stewart St., Suite 4001, Carson City, NV 9701-5405

Comments may be submitted by FAX to (775) 687-9510 or by e-mail to mstamate@ndep.nv.gov. Questions regarding this notice may be directed to Michelle Stamates at (775) 687-9331.